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SUBJ: RESULTS OF UNIFORM BOARD 46 PRIOR SERVICE INSIGNIA

A. COMCOGARD PSC ARLINGTON VA 081332Z DEC 14, ALCGPSC 171/14

B. Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6H

1. REF A announced the results of Uniform Board 46, including the approval of the optional wear of one prior service qualification insignia. This ALCGPSC provides authorization and guidance in the wear of U.S. Military prior service insignia.

2. This authorization does not change the maximum number of insignia to be worn on uniforms as specified in REF B. Rather, it allows the optional wear of one prior service insignia on Coast Guard dress uniforms. Coast Guard insignia and insignia earned while in the Coast Guard will take precedence over prior service insignia of another U.S. Military Service.

3. The following conditions apply with regards to authorized wear of prior service insignia:

A. One prior service insignia may be worn on dress uniforms (Dress uniforms include all uniform configurations except for the ODU).

B. Prior service insignia must be a qualification type insignia. The following are not authorized for wear on Coast Guard uniforms (not all inclusive): Prior service command type insignia, special assignments (to include duty badges), shoulder tabs (ranger, special forces, etc.), marksmanship or weapons qualifications, driver and mechanic, positional related (command advisor, counselor, instructor, recruiter, etc.).

C. Members who received authorization from PSD Medals and Awards Branch for the Combat Action Ribbon due to a prior service award of the Army Combat Action insignia may not wear both the CG issued Combat Action Ribbon and the Army insignia simultaneously.

D. Only permanent insignia where the right to wear the insignia has not been specifically revoked, and the issuing Service has not otherwise restricted the wear are authorized for wear on the Coast Guard uniform.

E. Coast Guard insignia shall take precedence over prior service insignia. Thus, members with two or more Coast Guard insignia would only be authorized to wear Coast Guard insignia. Members who have one Coast Guard insignia must wear the Coast Guard insignia in the upper position and may wear one authorized prior service insignia in the lower position (1/4 inch below upper edge of pocket flap). In cases where a member has no Coast Guard insignia the authorized prior service insignia will be worn in the lower position. At no time shall prior service insignia be worn above the ribbon bar. Refer to 3.E.4 of REF B for specific placement provisions.

F. Prior service insignia that due to size or configuration exceed the margins of the pocket flap (of blue shirt or SDB Jacket) are not authorized for wear on Coast Guard uniforms. In cases where miniature versions are specified in REF B, miniature versions of prior service insignia are required (if there is no miniature version of the prior service insignia, the prior service insignia is not worn on uniforms which require miniatures).

G. Prior service insignia are not authorized for wear on the Coast Guard ODU. Members, who due to the nature of a joint or interagency assignment may request temporary authorization to wear a prior service insignia (Coast Guard mission related) on the ODU during that specific assignment when such authorization would enhance

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the members ability to effectively carry out the Coast Guard missions in the joint operations. Requests for waivers should be submitted to Commander PSC-PSD-mu via the commanding officer. Requests should contain a copy of the DD-214 authorizing wear, the nature of the duty and how the wear of the insignia will contribute to the members creditability and enhance Coast Guard missions. The immediate command must provide a written endorsement substantiating the request.

4. Before a member may wear a prior service insignia on their Coast Guard uniform, their Coast Guard record must substantiate entitlement as follows:

A. The Coast Guard record must contain a copy of the prior service DD-214 with entitlement to the qualification insignia appropriately annotated on the DD-214. Errors or concerns with prior service DD-214 must be directed to the issuing military service.

B. If a member has more than one prior service qualification insignia that meet the requirements of paragraph 3 above, the member must select only one prior service insignia for wear on the Coast Guard uniform.

C. The members permanent unit shall verify entitlement per 4.A. above and prepare a CG-3307 entry. The entry type shall be Performance and Discipline, PD-6, reference: COMDTINST M1020.6 (series). Entry: Member is authorized the optional wear of (specify insignia) on the Coast Guard uniform as verified by (branch of service) DD214 dated (date). Wear policy is as specified in COMDTINST M1020.6 (series). Coast Guard insignia take precedence over prior service insignia, subsequent entitlement to Coast Guard insignia may render member ineligible to wear the prior service insignia.

5. Commands and members are reminded that the wear of one prior service insignia on Coast Guard dress uniforms is optional and does not alter the maximum number of authorized insignia or placement guidelines listed in REF B. Questions concerning this policy and any waiver requests under 3.G above can be addressed to CWO Larry Lawson at Lawrence.T.Lawson(at)uscg.mil or (703)872-6659.

6. RDML M. L. Austin, Commander, CG Personnel Service Center, sends.

7. Internet release is authorized.

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